

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please substitute Figs. 23, 24, and 25 with the attached replacement sheet. Figs. 23-25 have been designated by a legend "Related Art". The attached replacement sheet are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated March 5, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the drawings and claim, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement which was filed on April 21, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The applicants respectfully submit, however, that the Information Disclosure Statement of April 21, 2005, was in fact in compliance with U.S. patent practice. This application was filed as a U.S. national stage application of a PCT international application; as noted in the Information Disclosure Statement, copies of the documents should have been provided by the Japanese Receiving Office; pursuant to MPEP Section 609.03, it was not necessary for applicants to provide copies of these references. However, as a courtesy, copies of these documents are submitted herewith. With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 15, 2008, in accordance with the USPTO *Private Pair* electronic database indicates that the proper copies of documents were received by the USPTO. Additional courtesy copies of these references are attached. The applicants respectfully request that the cited references to be considered by the examiner.

The Office Action of March 5, 2009 is an Ex-Parte Quayle Action, indicating that all of pending claims 7-13 are allowed.

With respect to the issues regarding Information Disclosure Statement, these issued are discussed above.

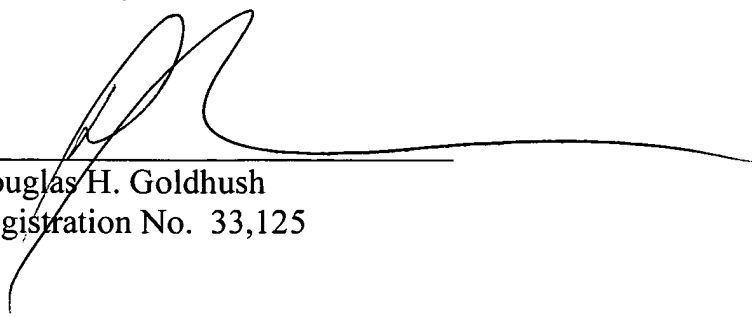
The Office Action also indicated that figures 1, 2, and 23-25 should be designated by a legend such as “Prior Art”. However, applicants respectfully submit that no such designation is appropriate for figures 1 and 2, since these figures illustrate aspects of the invention as discussed, for example, in the brief explanation of the drawings on page 9 of the specification. However, submitted herewith are replacement drawings to replace figures 23-25, wherein these drawings are designated as “Related Art”. It is respectfully submitted that all of the drawings are now in compliance with U.S. patent practice.

The Office Action objected to claim 7, due to minor informality. This claim 7 has been amended as proposed in the Office Action.

In view of the indication of allowability of claims 7-13, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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